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1. After the end of August 1953, the shelters and bunkers northwest of the Kindel troop training grounds, which were previously reported to have been equipped with plane table sheets, were permanently occupied by about 400 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epauletts. Compressors for spray-painting, several work benches and screw vices stood on the parking lot which was surrounded by a board fence and closed by a barrier.<sup>1</sup> Firing practices with armored personnel carriers were held along the northern border of the Kindel troop training grounds daily from 30 August to 5 September, during which all approach roads were blocked.

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2. At the end of August, a new tank shed was established along the edge of the woods north of Ettenhausen. Five T-34/85 tanks stood in the shed, and 18 JS-3 tanks and 3 trucks were parked near the shed, on 30 August. Since two weeks ago, the soldiers and troops from the troop training grounds have been granted leave on Sundays.

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- 25X1  Comment.  for the first time observed a troop camp west of Muehlhausen in July 1953.

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- 25X1  It can be assumed that the camp  in the first part of the present report is identical with the abovementioned installation, which might be part of the northern section of the Kindel troop training grounds. No confirmatory information  has been obtained.

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